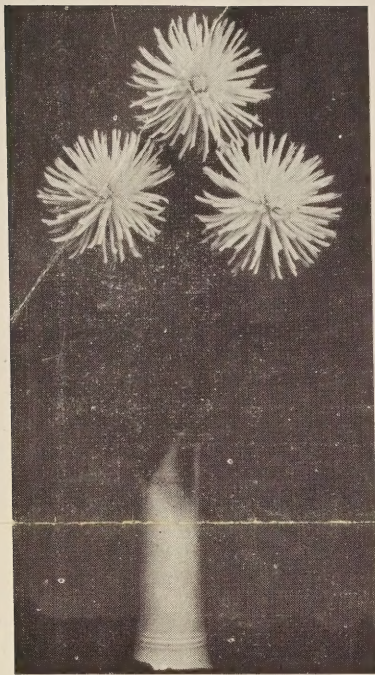


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"MADONNA CRUSADER"

OUR 1952 INTRODUCTIONS

MADONNA CRUSADER—Str. Cactus, a very beautiful pure white flower, with strong stems holding flower erect, foliage good. Size of bloom 7 to 8 in., (B) dahlia and a very good cut flower. Height of plant 5½ ft. Winner of A.D.S., Gold Certificate Medal award for flower scoring 85 or better. On Faust's, Eddy's, Dudley's Honor Rolls. Also on the Eastern Dahlia Review.

Roots only \$5.00 Net.

***MARIONET**—(1952) Str. Cactus (B). This is a real novelty and has real merit, with extra stiff stems; prolific bloomer, color is unusual ochous red, and does not fade in the sun, a strong grower.

Roots \$3.50 Net.

***TERPC**—(1952) Inf. Decorative (B)—This is the champion of Holland for 1951, winning the silver challenge cup in a class of (9) entries. Stems are perfect and very good bush growth, color is a glistening blood red. A real dahlia and one that will be grown for a long time.

Roots \$3.50 Net.

CAROL K.—(1952)—Miniature. This beautiful miniature really is a honey. Color is buff and gold. Size 3 to 4 inches with long wiry stems; bush growth is very good and flowers can be cut with extra long stems.

Roots \$2.50.

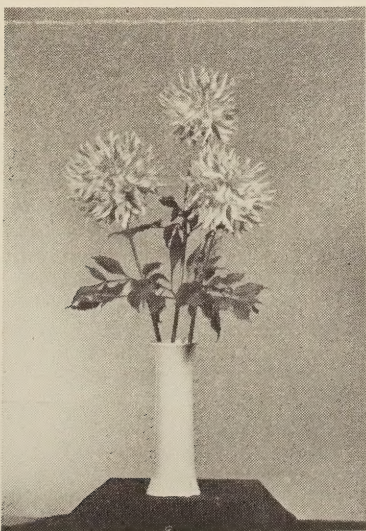
MADONNA—(1950) Inf. Dec. This dahlia had more than its share of winnings in the past, won A.D.S. Gold Medal seedling award and nine Achievement medals, color is white; growth of plant is good; stems are good.

Roots \$2.00.

OUR 1953 INTRODUCTION

THERESA LOUISE—Semi-Cactus. Color of this beautiful dahlia is a Begonia Pink shading lighter in the center, bush is a very healthy grower with stems that are very stiff, holding the flower in right position. Winner of the CERAMIC AWARD at East Liverpool show for best two-year old in 1951. Mr. Webb has placed it on his DAHLIA REVIEW, also on Faust's, Eddy's and Dudley's Flower Grower Honor Rolls. This is a (B) flower and a prolific bloomer.

Roots only \$10.00 Net.



"THERESA LOUISE"

D-DAY FD. (1945)

True pink. Size 7 by 3½ inches. Stem canelike, holds flowers on side. Excellent substance. Flowers shipped air express to New York show were in fine shape after 72 hours enroute. A fine florist's flower and could even "take" JERSEY BEAUTY in its class. (Dixie Dahlia Gardens).

Roots \$1.00.

*SCARLET LEADER—S. C. (1939)

Challenge Cup winner. Beautiful large flowers of a vivid poppy-red color; surpasses all other red varieties. Strong grower with extra stiff stems. Special exhibition and cut flowers.

Roots \$1.50.

GINGER RODGERS—(1941)

I. D. (Burks-Rushmohr), A very large informal decorative, of glistening yellow. A profuse bloomer, with a most vigorous bush growth. Stems are long and strong. Some competent observers believe this one will supplant our present exhibition "yellow".

Roots \$2.00.

CROWNING GLORY (Salem 85A), 1941

Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 6 ft. Mallow pink softening to cream at center. Similar to Greater Glory but more cactus in form. American Home Achievement Medal at Peekskill and Washington. Gold Medal winner at New York World's Fair, 1940. In the Futurity and on Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll.

Roots \$2.00.

GRAF FOLKE BERNADOTTE—S. C. The most admired pure white in our gardens the past season, the flowers are very large and are carried on the best of stems, plant is a very strong grower and this dahlia won the German Challenge Cup the past season. The flowers are large and a very prolific bloomer for a large dahlia.

Roots \$2.00 Net.

STELLAETTE: F. D. to Inf. Our 1945 Introduction. This velvety deep red is what some dahlia critics call a red CALIF. IDOL. Cane like stems which can carry the largest blooms erect. Foliage insect proof, like the old Jersey's Beacon. Grows about 5½ ft. in height. Blooms average 11 inches by 8 inches. An excellent keeper when cut. Won when shown in its 1st and 2nd year as a seedling. Listed on the Mid-West and Pacific Coast Honor Rolls.

Roots \$1.50.

***ORFEO**—S. C. This is one of the real purple semi-cactus and the color is a very glistening purple, good cut and one of the best for show purposes. You really wouldn't believe it until you grow this dahlia how good it is. This is a (B) flower and believe it will win over any in its class.

Roots \$1.50.

***SILVRETTA**—Str. Cactus. A most interesting introduction in the medium sized class. The unusual color, composed of pink, lilac and golden shades are very attractive. A good strong grower with the best of stem.

Roots \$1.50.

REFUGEE—Str. Cactus. This dahlia is a real addition to the yellow class, as the color is bright and lively a yellow as any one would ask. Stems are strong, a very open grower and foliage a fine glossy color. It is also a free bloomer and a good cut flower. (B) flower.

Roots \$1.50.

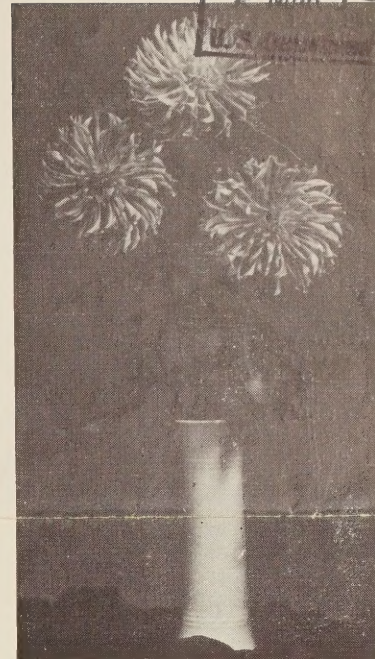
***WHITE SUPERIOR**—Str. Cactus. A real good white cactus and a very good cut flower, good open grower with stems that hold the flower at a perfect angle. Won the Challenge Cup in Holland in 1948.

Roots \$1.00.

MISS SHATTOCK—Formal Dec. (B)—One of the very best informal dec. (B) dahlias, a very beautiful white with the best strong stems. Really a grand dahlia and one hard to beat on the show table. Perfectly round and regularly formed.

Roots \$1.00.

—All dahlias marked with an asterisk () are European originations.



"CHUCK'S PINK"

OUR 1952 INTRODUCTION

CHUCK'S PINK—Incurved Cactus, also a very beautiful Tyrian rose shading to a light cream at the base of petals, strong stiff stems, foliage excellent, grows about 5½ ft. tall. Winner of the Ceramic award for the best seedling at East Liverpool in 1950. On the Eastern Dahlia Review, also on Faust's, Eddy's, Dudley's Honor Rolls.

Roots only \$5.00 Net.

PINK SUPERIOR—Str. Cactus, a very pleasing shade of phlox purple, general effect pink, stems are strong and stiff, holding flower at right angle, grows about 5 ft. tall. This is really one of the large dahlias, attaining the size of 12 by 8 inches deep. It was awarded the A.D.S. Gold Certificate Medal award for flower scoring 85 or better; also won the American Home Achievement award, competing against a class of 14 entries. This is another Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots only \$5.00 Net.

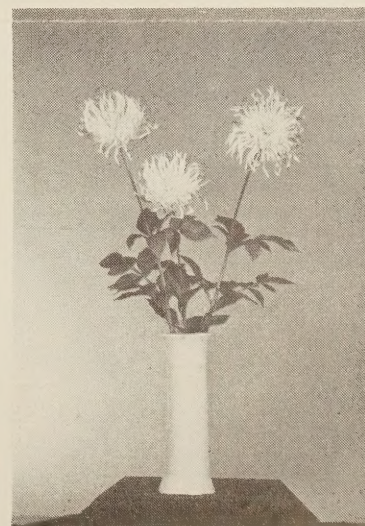
***BRANDARIS**—Formal Dec. This novelty from Holland was by far the best from the foreign varieties this year. It has a very striking and unusual color, rich scarlet with pure golden center. The flowers are medium and well shaped. This variety was awarded the Silver Challenge Cup in Holland in 1950 and well deserved the award. The color of this dahlia is the hit of the previous season and you never saw a flower like it. A must for all real beauty dahlia fans.

Roots \$1.50 Net.

OUR 1953 INTRODUCTION

BLENDETTE—Inc. Cactus. This is a dahlia which is different, with the blend of PRIMROSE YELLOW blending to NEYRON ROSE, really the most beautiful dahlia we have introduced to date. A strong grower with stiff stems holding the flower in perfect position and a good keeper as a cut flower. Very much admired at the Mid-West show at Louisville and a runner-up for the A.R.A. award. It won the American Home Achievement award at East Liverpool show the past year, on the EASTERN DAHLIA REVIEW and is on all four HONOR ROLLS of the Flower Grower. This is a (B) flower.

Roots only \$10.00 Net.



"BLENDETTE"

Rosemary Dahlia Gardens

EM. DELBRUGGE & SON

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MARTINS FERRY, OHIO

Greetings: To Our Dahlia Friends and Customers.

We take great pleasure in handing you our 1953 catalog. The varieties listed have proven their ability to grow for us, by producing strong growth and plenty of bloom. Since 1920 we have served the dahlia loving public. Our motto: "Your Success Means Our Future." We don't try to see how many varieties we can grow, but try to grow the best.

GUARANTEE: While we exercise every care in filling of orders for roots and send out what we honestly think will grow, we do not guarantee any root that is shipped before March 15th. After that date all roots are guaranteed and will be replaced free of charge if they prove blind. Many of the failure with plants and roots are due to causes entirely beyond our control, such as weather and soil conditions, bad planting, etc., and while we take the greatest care to send out only stock which will produce satisfactory results, we cannot be held responsible for failure. A deposit required on all orders before shipping.

REFERENCES: We refer you to the Peoples Savings Bank or any merchant in our city, in regards to our honesty and integrity.



"PURPLEX"

OUR 1951 INTRODUCTIONS

PURPLEX—Formal Decorative, size of bloom about 10 inches, color, is a velvety dianthus purple, something different in color in this size dahlia, good bush growth 5 ft., with insect resisting foliage and stems that are stiff and strong. Winner of **The American Achievement Medal** at the Dahlia Society of Ohio in Cleveland. On all Honor Rolls where it was tested, namely Eastern, Southern and Mid-West trial gardens. **Roots \$4.00 Net.**

REAL DAWN—Incurved Cactus, size of bloom about 7 inches, color is different, Rose red shading to primrose yellow at the base of petals, a very good grower, early bloomer with wiry stems that hold the flower erect, a prolific bloomer with good foliage. Winner of the **Ceramic Award** at East Liverpool show in 1949 for best (B) dahlia in the 2-year old seedling class. This dahlia was also featured in the Atlanta Journal Magazine in issue of Oct. 1st, in full color on front page. An Honor Roll dahlia; on Mr. Faust Southern and Mr. Dudley's Eastern Honor Rolls. **Roots \$3.50 Net.**

OUR 1949 INTRODUCTION

MARCELINA—Inf. Dec. to S. C.—This dahlia is a very strong grower and is best to top at 3 pair of leaves, color is a beautiful shade of lavender and the blooms are held above the foliage on the very best of stems. Grows about 6 ft. tall with the best of foliage. Size of bloom average 12 by 10 inches. On Eastern and Western Honor Rolls. **Roots \$2.00.**

***BROEDER JUSTINUS**—(S. C.) This dahlia was awarded the Silver Challenge Cup in Holland for the best foreign introduction. This dahlia drew the attention of all with its orange colored bloom changing to light yellow in the center. Proved this season to stand the hottest sunshine. A strong grower. Stems hold the bloom as near perfect as any dahlia. **Roots \$1.00.**

MISS SAN DIEGO IC (Comstock) (1946) A distinctive, incurved cactus of artistic formation. Color is Tyrian pink with thread-like markings of Tyrian pink on the strontian yellow center petals. Petals deeply lacinated at tips. Size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ or larger. Achievement Medal at Ingleswood. Certificate of Merit dahlia on all three Honor Rolls. **Roots \$1.00.**

LOIS WALCHER—F. D. (1939)

Color purple—tipped white. The best true bi-color to date. Numerous medals and certificates to its credit. Good cut flower. We recommend this dahlia. **Roots 75c.**

*LOCKENKOPF—Semi-Cactus

Color apple blossom rose with deep yellow center. Strong stems hold the flowers well above the bush. Good keeper as cut flower. **Roots \$1.00.**

LAVENDER GEM—Str. Cactus and is a very pleasing shade of Amaranth rose, general effect lavender, stems good, foliage fair, size of bloom 6 to 7 in. Height of plant $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. On the Eastern Honor Roll. **Roots only \$5.00 Net.**

LAKESIDE BEAUTY—Formal Dec. (1946). A real dahlia for cut flower trade with a color of rose pink blending to cream center. Strong grower, best of stems and foliage extra good. Won the Flower Grower Award and Mid-West trophy in the past year. **Roots \$1.00.**

MICHIGAN ORCHID—Formal Dec. (1947). This dahlia is a very strong grower with its pure mauve or mallow rose bloom, holding full centers on perfect stems. Foliage is dark green and insect resisting. Medium to early bloomer. Grows about 5 ft. in height for us. **Roots \$1.00.**

MRS. E. J. CACTUS (Rocky River). The first year record of this bright pink cactus has justified the pride. It is a strong grower, producing an abundance of flowers on rigid stems. Petals have exceptionally good substance giving the flower unusual keeping qualities, a characteristic that has endeared it to florists. Perfection of form has made it a fine exhibition variety, having won "best in show" at several shows. **Roots 75c.**

JANE LAUSCHE S. C. (Rocky River). A new color combination in a dahlia. Rosy mauve with about one-third of each petal tipped white. Just about all the superlatives in the dictionary have been used to describe it. Winner of several "largest bloom" and most perfect bloom awards in its first season. The plants are open, fast growers and produce blooms early, and in profusion until frost. A standout in the semi-cactus bi-color class. Size 10 x 6. **Roots \$1.00.**

ROSA-BI—Formal Dec. Blood Red, tipped white. Strong wiry stems, good grower, (B) flower. On all (3) Honor Rolls. **Roots \$2.50.**

MINIATURE DAHLIAS

***JOKE**—Min. In. Dec. This is one of the best bi-color miniatures that we had the pleasure to grow, always true to color, with the best of stems. The red and white color is very distinctive and foliage excellent. **Roots \$1.00.**

LITTLE JIMMIE—For. Dec. This white miniature is about as good a small dahlia that can be had. Extra strong grower with stems as stiff as a poker. Foliage very good. A sure winner in its class. Size of bloom always under 4 in. **Roots \$1.00.**

ALICE J.—Ball. A most beautiful ball dahlia that is difficult to beat in the ball class, color is a very clear pink, stems are strong and foliage is excellent. Always a winner in the ball class. **Roots 75c.**

***BABY FONTENEAU**, M.I.D., Pure rose, sweet little decorative cut flower. Free blooming variety which can be well recommended. $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet tall. Certificate A.D.S. Trial Grounds. **Roots 75c.**

***LITTLE DIAMOND**—S.C. (1939) Pink with yellow center. One of the best. **Roots 75c.**

ROOTS: The size of the roots varies according to the variety.

A large root does not always result in a large plant or flower. The main thing is a strong, healthy root, showing a growing eye or sprout. Shipped prepaid when order amounts to **\$5.00 or over**. This applies to **retail** orders only. Roots shipping season closes May 20th. We start shipping about April 10th and all roots will be shipped at that time unless instructed to ship sooner. Orders under \$5.00 please add 50c extra for postage.

COMMERCIAL GROWERS: We cater to a high class retail trade, but we will allow the usual discount to the trade on our own introductions and other varieties where our stock will permit, **except where prices are marked NET.** Shipping charges to be paid by the purchaser on all wholesale orders.

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"THE TIMES-LEADER"

OUR 1950 INTRODUCTION

TIMES-LEADER—Str. Cactus—Cherry Red Winner of (2) Achievement Medals. Good bush growth (B) flower. The best red to our knowledge, needs no pampering. **Roots \$2.50.**

CASPER LUDWIG'S MEMORY—(Holland) a very rich color of dark velvety red. A good strong and open grower with flower on strong stiff stems, large and beautiful flowers. Semi-Cactus. Winner of the Challenge Cup in Holland 1949. **Roots \$1.50.**

AMBASSADOR VAN KLEFFENS—(Holland) An excellent medium sized cut flower with great merits. A very strong and open grower and can be cut with stems 4 ft. long, a profuse bloomer, color is a bright orange, with perfect formal decorative form. This dahlia is really different in color. **Roots \$1.00.**

ALLEGRESSE. (France) Str. Cactus. Blooms average about 10 inches and a color that is a very pleasing shade of canary yellow, an extra strong grower and with the best of stems, which can be cut 4 ft. if so desired. A real good cut flower and keeps well. **Roots \$1.00.**

THE CARDINAL—1949—Cardinal Red, semi-cactus. Blooms 10 to 12 inches, facing, on long canelike stems. Bush 6 ft. with clean and leather like foliage. Winner of The American Home Achievement Medal at Mid-West show in Milwaukee, Central States show at Chicago, Southern Conference Show at Chattanooga and Tri-City show in Moline, Ill. Listed on all (3) Honor Rolls. Winner of Derrill Hart Memorial Award. **Roots \$1.50.**

MENTONE—(Australia)—(A) Semi-Cactus Color of this dahlia is amber yellow blending to primrose yellow center, suffused and lined carmine rose, full centers, bush growth strong; stems stiff and a real show dahlia. Centers always full. **Roots \$1.50.**

***PRIDE OF HOLLAND**—Str. Cactus (A)—The huge flowers are perfectly shaped and have excellent stems. The color is striking pure pink, foliage is very good, growth about 5 ft. One of the best Holland dahlias that we have been able to grow. A good cut flower as well as show dahlia. **Roots \$1.00.**